

TOWN OF TIVERTON

Recreation and Beach Commission

346 Judson Street, Tiverton, RI 02878

MEETING MINUTES

ORGANIZATION: RECREATION AND BEACH COMMISSION

Date and Time: Thursday, July 17, 2014 @ 7PM

Location: TIVERTON COMMUNITY CENTER

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The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by G. Rose. Members present were Gary Rose, Chris Roemlein, Susan Zmich, John Cordeiro, Kristen Plourde, Susan Gill and Recreation Coordinator Keith Cory.

Public delegations:

Linda Larsen, from Celebrate Tiverton. She was there to review the Celebrate Tiverton's plans for use of Grinnell's Beach on July 24th. Grinnell's beach is to have music & bonfire. Friday events pamphlets are to be handed out at the gate to inform any beachgoers of what will be happening on the beach that evening. At 5pm on Thursday sawhorses will be required to block off the area needed to unload pallets for the bonfire and half of the parking lot will be closed. This area will need to have signage as well to remain clear. Friday set-up will begin at 3pm. Trash barrels are to be dropped off on Friday. Fire department is to recheck the coals after the bonfire is out. Gates will be locked as usual. The bathrooms will be left open, and electricity can be provided from the storage room. Saturday morning Celebrate Tiverton does a pick-up trash walk before the beach opens at 7am. Celebrate Tiverton has special events liability in place. Celebrate Tiverton needs to be added to the summer recreation usage meeting notification email to officially put in their request for beach usage.

Motion for Celebrate Tiverton event on Grinnell beaches asked for by G. Rose, made by J. Cordeiro, and Susan Gill 2nd, motion passed unanimously.

Bill McGeough was on the agenda but could not attend when the date of the meeting was switched from Tuesday to Thursday. Susan Gill has organized a field evaluation walk to take place on July 26th from 9-11am. Susan G, Keith and Gary will be walking with Bill starting at Pocasset fields. The hopes of this evaluation would be to set up a specification to be put out to bid for fall field work using the monies set aside from this year's budget.

Deb Ebbitt, a former TRC member was present to announce her resignation, and give direction on the RI Dept. of Health-Beach Monitoring Program.

Point of Contacts for testing:

- BAL Lab: 401-785-0241 (Darleen) ~cost is \$85/site
- RI DOH-Beach Monitoring Program:
Amy Paris: 401-222-7727
401-222-2749
health.ri.gov\beaches

Keith is to follow up with testing results and procedure required by the Department of Health to close the beach, and will review this with the Town Administrator. Signage options will be reviewed.

Deb was thanked by all for her 20+ years on the Tiverton Recreation Commission!

Item #1: Treasurer's Report

J. Cordeiro stated the new budget has not yet been sent to him at the time of this meeting.

He is to go to the Treasurer's Office to formally approve invoices filed for last year budget and approved at the May meeting.

He reviewed all received invoices for June. Kim Gonzelo is to receive reimbursement for cooking class supplies. S. Gill made a motion to pay outstanding invoices; Seconded by C. Roemlein, motion approved unanimously.

Item #2: Secretary's Report

Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 17, 2014

No corrections noted.

Motion to approve meeting minutes made by K. Plourde, Seconded by C. Roemlein

Minutes approved, motion passed unanimously.

S. Gill presented a template for recording minutes and written directions how to complete the process. She began a sign up for a rotating schedule so all members share the responsibility for recording minutes.

Item #3: Recreation Coordinator Report (given by Keith Cory)

Summer programs have been well received. Positive comments and positive emails for all programs have been received.

Reworking of a tennis camp for next year should consider a longer day and have it occur for one week. This would allow for a better possibility of securing a qualified instructor, and provide the campers with a stronger focus on tennis.

G. Rose mentioned comments received asking for next year's summer program to have more options dedicated to the 13-15 year olds.

The town council has amended their ruling and is allowing resident campers to be at the beach free with a resident pass or proof of residency. Grinnell beach's generate income has dropped after the rates have been raised. Fogland is doing well.

S. Gill has created a review of the recreation program past budgets. This information will be a good starting point for review of the TRC budget at the September meeting.

Item #4: Old Business

Gazebo Update - G. Rose/C. Roemlein stated DPW should be installing the gazebo at Bulgarmarsh as their schedule allows.

Town Farm bathrooms- Flushing the toilet systems weekly with a gallon of bleach has been working. Larry is to keep up with this procedure to help maintain the facilities. G. Rose suggested going after a grant for bathroom refurbishment and upgrade to ADA. G. Rose to contact someone about painting the bathrooms for community service hours. There is a possibility that the water supply pipe may be contributing to the rust/scale issue and may need to be replaced.

Item # 5: New Business

Fall Facilities meeting schedule- The Fall Facilities meeting for determining fall field use is to be held on August 5th at the Community Center. G. Rose is to contact the Sakonnet Times and have it posted on the Town of Tiverton website, C. Roemlein is to post it on the Secretary of State website.

Town Farm Soccer Field refurbishment - \$12,000 set aside to refurbish the town farm soccer fields. A specification of work to be done will need to be generated and submitted in the hopes of procuring at least 3 bids. S. Zmich suggested a mandatory pre-bid walk and review of the scope of work to ensure all interested bidding parties are on the same page.

TYS plan for fall when Town Farm refurbishment is being done. J. Cordeiro has contacted Sarah Marrion, president of the TYS and received information on the needs of TYS so that review of the town facilities can be accessed. Fall Baseball & Fall Recreation and Competitive Soccer are the major users of the town's fields in the fall. This will be discussed future at the fall facilities meeting when TYS and TLL are present.

Summer recreation field trips - Sandy DaSilva, instructor of the Parks Program, has scheduled two field trips; one to the Roger Williams Zoo and the second to United Skates of America.

RWU/CPC review and design for the old Getty station building is currently taking place July 18-19th. There will be an opportunity for the public to attend an open house and contribute their

ideas to the project. The times and place will be posted. C. Roemlein is planning on attending; he is suggesting a recreation/harbor master office.

Item #6: Correspondence

Positive responses for the summer programs were noted in the recreation report.
Concern about the cleanliness of the beaches is a continuing issue.

Item #7: Miscellaneous items

G. Rose was going to ask DPW to remove weeds from the Town Farm tennis courts. Two new nets have been ordered for Town Farm tennis courts. The worse ones are to be disposed of. These nets need to be taken down and properly stored for winter.

S. Gill sent a letter of thanks and recommendations to Councilmen Bill Gerlach & Bret Pelletier regarding their work with the towns recycling and trash efforts at the public areas in Tiverton.

The recreation phone has a passcode which is not known. No one has been able to check for messages. G. Rose is going to talk to the previous Recreation Coordinator and see if she knows the passcode. This phone line will then need to be determined if it is needed or not.

Item#8: Adjournment

G. Rose- Next meeting **August 19, 2014 at 7pm**. A motion was made by J Cordeiro to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by K. Plourde, all members voted to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:16PM.

Submitted by: Susan Zmich

Approved: 8/19/2014